

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-437 (PACS B1) Construction Date: circa 1900

Name: Dent Property

Location: 7052 Herbert Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Dent Property is a 2-story, 3-bay side-gable I-house on Herbert Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1900, the building has been extensively altered. A 2-story portico has been added to the front elevation, a garage addition has been constructed on the east elevation of the house, and a 2-story addition has been constructed on the rear. The structure has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with an interior brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding; the foundation is not visible. All windows in the house are 1/1 vinyl double-hung or sliding replacement windows, and the majority of windows have shutters.

### Significance:

Constructed circa 1900, the Dent Property is an example of an I-house that has been extensively altered and has lost much of its original form. The installation of paired replacement windows on the front elevation have introduced architectural elements not found in the original design. In addition, the interior plan has been extensively altered by the removal of the center hall and room reconfiguration. These changes to the plan, form, and fenestration have resulted in a severe loss of the architectural integrity of the I-house. The Dent Property is located on a 0.4 hectare (1 acre) parcel of land on the east side of Herbert Road. The residence was constructed circa 1900 and contains 128.5 square meters (1384 square feet) of living space.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**MD 5 - Hughesville Project**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Dent Property

**2. Location:**

street & number 7052 Herbert Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Hughesville ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Theodore and Rita Dent

street &amp; number 7052 Herbert Road telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637-2721

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 1134

street &amp; number Charles Street folio 556

city, town La Plata state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dent Property is a 2-story, 3-bay side-gable I-house on Herbert Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1900, the building has been extensively altered. A 2-story portico has been added to the front elevation, a garage addition has been constructed on the east elevation of the house, and a 2-story addition has been constructed on the rear.

The structure has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with an interior brick chimney. The structure is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding; the foundation is not visible. All windows in the house are 1/1 vinyl double-hung or sliding replacement windows, and the majority of windows have shutters.

The west, or front elevation has a 2-story portico, with a shed-roof supported by metal columns. The house is accessed by a central front door. The original fenestration pattern has been altered by the installation of paired windows in the first and third bays of the first story. The second story contains one window in each bay.

The south elevation is partially concealed by an attached garage. The garage has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof, two windows on the west elevation, a door on the east elevation, and a garage door on the south elevation. The visible part of the original I-house has one second story window.

The east, or rear elevation of the I-house is completely concealed by the 2-story addition. Part of the original roof has been removed and the roof of the addition, which has a different pitch, intersects the original roof near the ridge. The addition has an irregular fenestration pattern, with two windows and a sliding glass door on the first story, and two windows on the second story.

The north elevation has minimal fenestration; there is one window on each story of the I-house and one window on each story of the addition.

The interior of the building has been extensively altered; the center hall of the original I-house has been removed and other rooms have been reconfigured.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property, a garage with an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1985, the garage is of wood-frame construction and is located east of the I-house.

The property is located on the east side of Herbert Road, with residential property to the north and south, and woods to the east. The site is generally level. The property's setting is a rural area.

## 8. Significance

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Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
Prehistoric	archaeology-prehistoric	Community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	architecture	education	military	social/
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian
1800-1899	commerce	exploration/settlement	philosophy	theater
1900-	communication	industry	politics/government	transportation
		invention		other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1900	Builder/Architect
1900-1901	James H. McGowan
1902-1903	James H. McGowan
1904-1905	James H. McGowan
1906-1907	James H. McGowan
1908-1909	James H. McGowan
1910-1911	James H. McGowan
1912-1913	James H. McGowan
1914-1915	James H. McGowan
1916-1917	James H. McGowan
1918-1919	James H. McGowan
1920-1921	James H. McGowan
1922-1923	James H. McGowan
1924-1925	James H. McGowan
1926-1927	James H. McGowan
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1930-1931	James H. McGowan
1932-1933	James H. McGowan
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1936-1937	James H. McGowan
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2010-2011	James H. McGowan
2012-2013	James H. McGowan
2014-2015	James H. McGowan
2016-2017	James H. McGowan
2018-2019	James H. McGowan
2020-2021	James H. McGowan
2022-2023	James H. McGowan
2024-2025	James H. McGowan

check:      Applicable Criteria:    \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D  
                 and/or  
                 Applicable Exceptions: \_\_\_A   \_\_\_B   \_\_\_C   \_\_\_D   \_\_\_E   \_\_\_F   \_\_\_G  
  
                 Level of Significance:   \_\_\_ national            \_\_\_ state            \_\_\_ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Dent Property is located in Charles County, Maryland. The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary, and Charles County was founded in 1658. This area was originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtowntown Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Dent Property is an I-house. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are most often located on the interior of the gable ends, however, some I-houses can have central or external chimneys. Usually, an I-house has a 1-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a 2-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1900, the Dent Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it has been extensively altered and has lost much of its original form. The attached garage, 2-story addition, and 2-story portico have significantly altered the form and massing of the original design. The installation of paired replacement windows on the front elevation have introduced architectural elements not found in the original design. In addition, the interior plan has been extensively altered by the removal of the center hall and room reconfiguration. These changes to the plan, form, and fenestration have resulted in a severe loss of the architectural integrity of the I-house. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended X

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]  
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 5/5/98  
Date: 5/21/98

[Signature]

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date January 1997

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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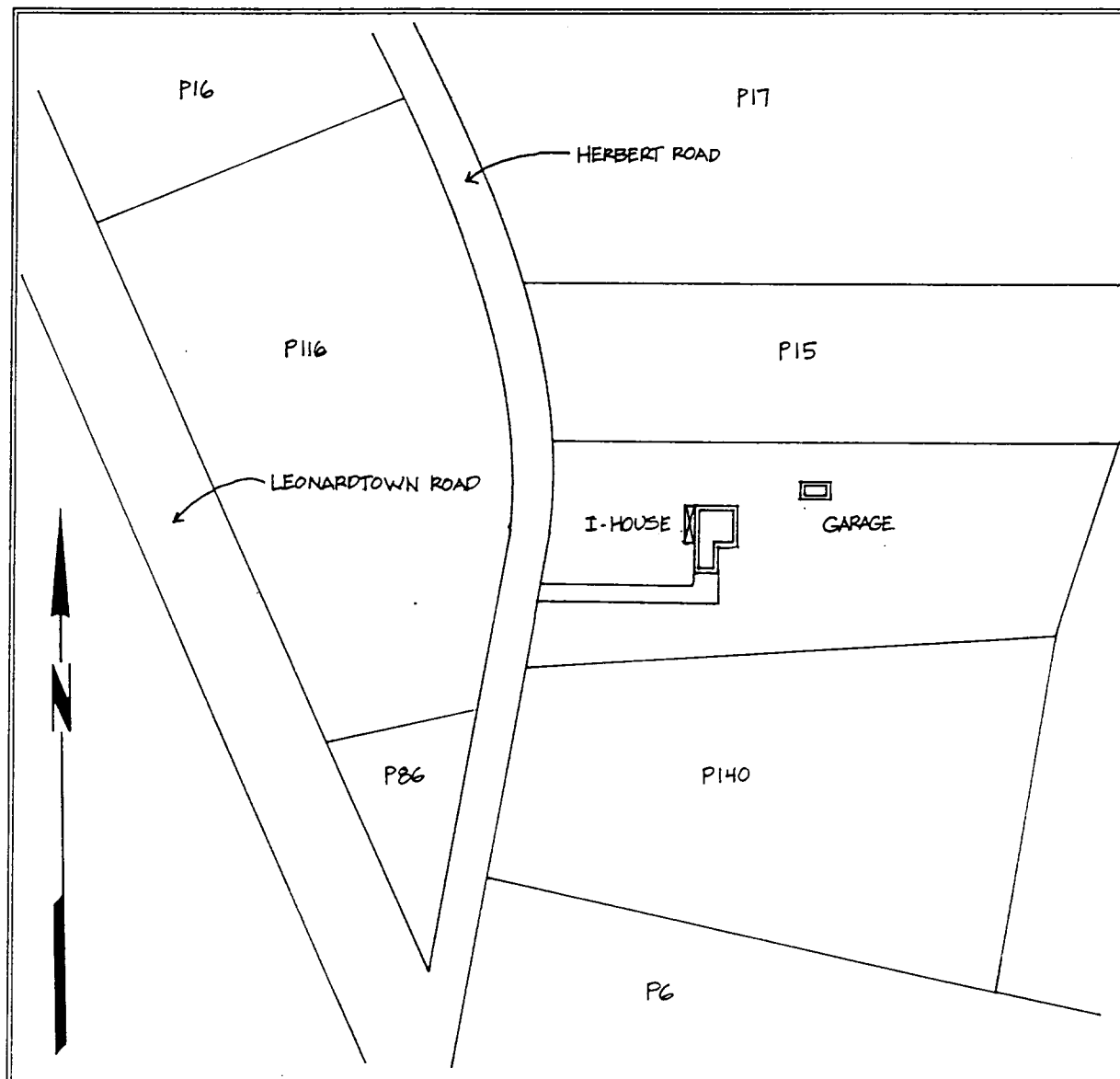
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

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Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

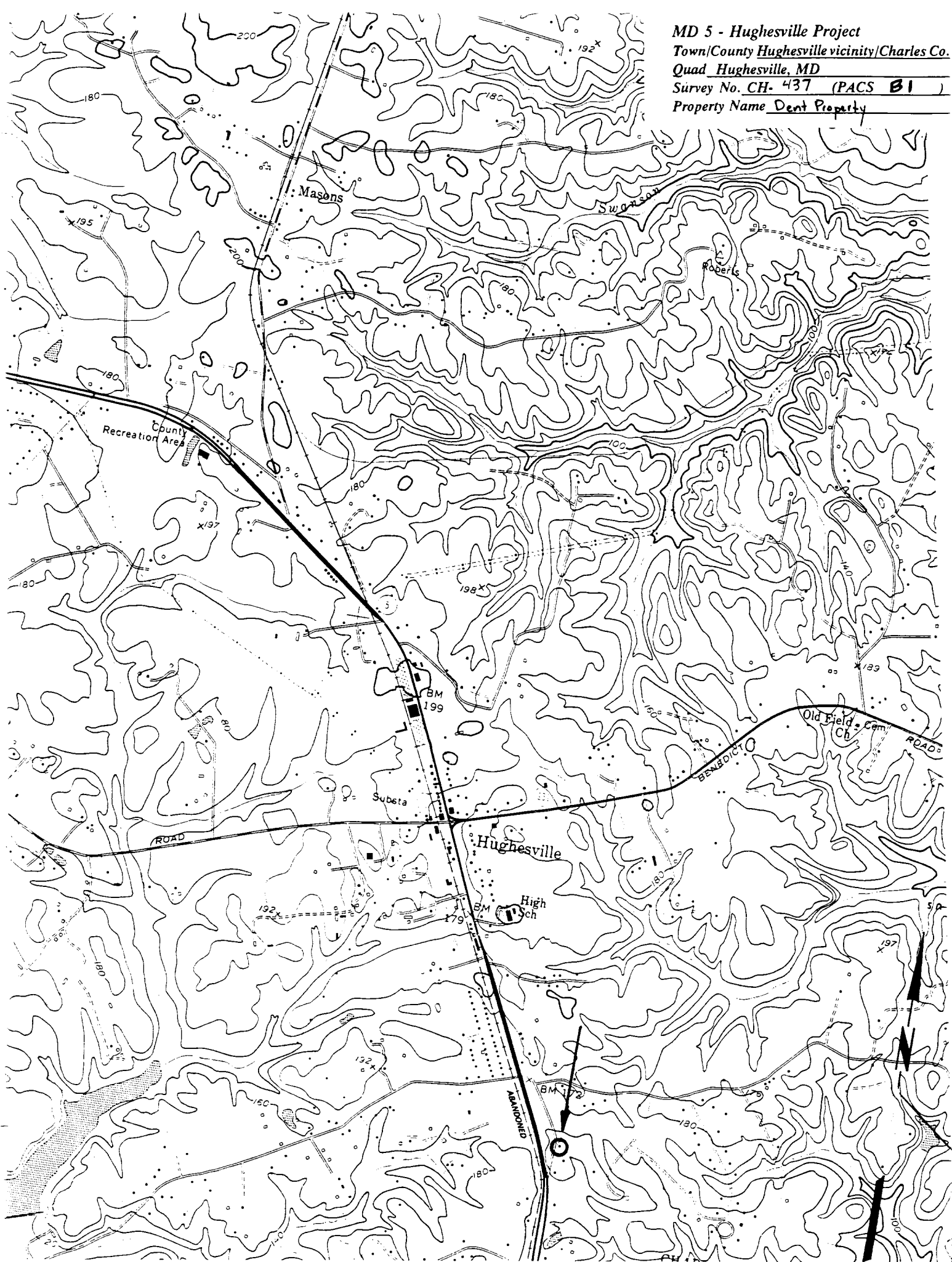
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer  
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7 North and East elevation, view SW

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7 East elevation, view W

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